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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. B-4501DIV 621212-6

Anticipated Classification
of this application

Class _____ Subclass _____

Prior application: 10/077,120

Examiner: Janice L. Krizek

Art Unit: 3652

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional

application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior U.S.
Application Serial No. 10/077,120 filed on February 14, 2002, of
(1) Dr. Pietro PADOVANI for "PROCESS AND PLANT FOR HANDLING
THERMOFORMED OBJECTS FOR A SINGLE-STATION THERMOFORMING MACHINE
WITH FORM AND CUT MOULD".

1. Prior Application

☒ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy
of what is shown in my records to be the above-
identified prior application (USSN 10/077,120),
including 8 pages of specification, 3 pages of claims, 1
page of abstract, the oath or declaration (4 pages), and
5 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-3, 4, 4a-4b, 5-13) as
originally filed. The attached true copy constitutes
the above-identified divisional application (please also
see 8 for drawing requirements.)

NOTE: Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) practice, signing and execution of the application by the
applicant may be omitted provided the application is a continuation or divisional which
adds neither new matter nor new inventors to the parent application, and a copy of the
original declaration or oath from the parent application is supplied with the new
application - 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(1)

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as attached therein are
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2. Amendments

☐ Cancel in this application original claims ___ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

NOTE: Only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered before calculating the final fee.

3. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION

Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
			\$770.00
Total			
Claims	12 -20=	0 x \$ 18.00	0
Independent			
Claims	1 -3=	0 x \$ 86.00	0
Multiple dependent			
Claim(s), if any		0 x \$ 290.00	0

☐ The fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

NOTE: If the fees for extra claims are not paid on filing they must be paid or the claims canceled by amendments, prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the Patent and Trademark Office in any notice of fee deficiency. 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d).

Filing fee calculation \$ 770.00

4. Small Entity Status

☐ a verified statement that this is a filing by a small entity is attached.

☐ a verified statement has previously been filed in the parent application (37 C.F.R. § 1.28 (a)).

Filing fee calculation (50% of above) \$ ____

NOTE: If a verified statement is filed within two (2) months of the date of payment of the first fee then the excess fee paid will be refunded on request. Notice of January 20, 1983. 1027 TMOG 114.

5. Fee Payment Being Made At This Time

Not enclosed

☐ no filing fee is submitted. This and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.

Enclosed

☒ filing fee \$ 770.00

6. Method of Payment of Fees

☒ enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 770.00

☐ charge account number 12-0415 in the amount of \$

NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid - 37 C.F.R. § 1.22(b)

7. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required to Account No. 12-0415:

- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (filing fees and presentation of extra claims)
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b)).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application...prior to paying...issue fee."

8. Drawings

- ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by (1) the applicant, (2) the assignee of record or (3) the attorney or agent of record authorized by 37 C.F.R. § 1.138 and before payment of issue fee.)

NOTE: ~~DO NOT~~ check this box if prior case is not to be abandoned.

- ☐ Transfer the following sheet(s) of drawings from the prior application to this application _____

NOTE: Transferring sheets must be canceled in prior application 37 C.F.R. § 1.88

- ☒ Drawings are enclosed (see true copy of prior application USSN 10/077,120)

9. Priority - 35 U.S.C. 119

- ☒ Priority of application Serial No. VR2001A000016 filed on 15 February 2001 in ITALY is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

- ☒ The certified copy has been filed in U.S. Application No. 10/077,120 filed on June 17, 2002.

10. Relate Back - 35 U.S.C. 120

The Preliminary Amendment presents an amendment to the specification to relate this divisional application to its parent.

11. Assignment

- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to (1) ISAP OMV GROUP SPA

☒ Attached is the following number of Assignments: 1 and respective new Cover Sheets. (Do NOT file old cover sheets.)

12. Power of Attorney

CUSTOMER NO.: 36716

- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☐ A copy of the executed Revocation of Previous Power of Attorney and Reappointment is enclosed herewith.
- d. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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c/o LADAS & PARRY
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Los Angeles, California 90036-5679

- e. ☐ An Appointment of Associate Attorney has been executed and is attached.

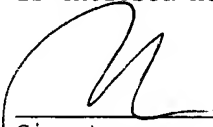
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13. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

- ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application _____ until _____.

14. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

December 11, 2003
Date



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- ☐ Assignee of complete interest
- ☒ Attorney or agent of record
- ☐ Filed under Rule 34(a)

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- Claim to Priority (1 page)
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 (modified) (4 pages)
- Assignment document (3 pages), with Cover Sheet (1 page), and Check no. 18144 for \$40.00 to cover Assignment recordal fee

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